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I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE RICH.



I MEAN I DID THINK I'D BE *COMFORTABLE*, BUT NOT *RICH*. NOT REALLY.



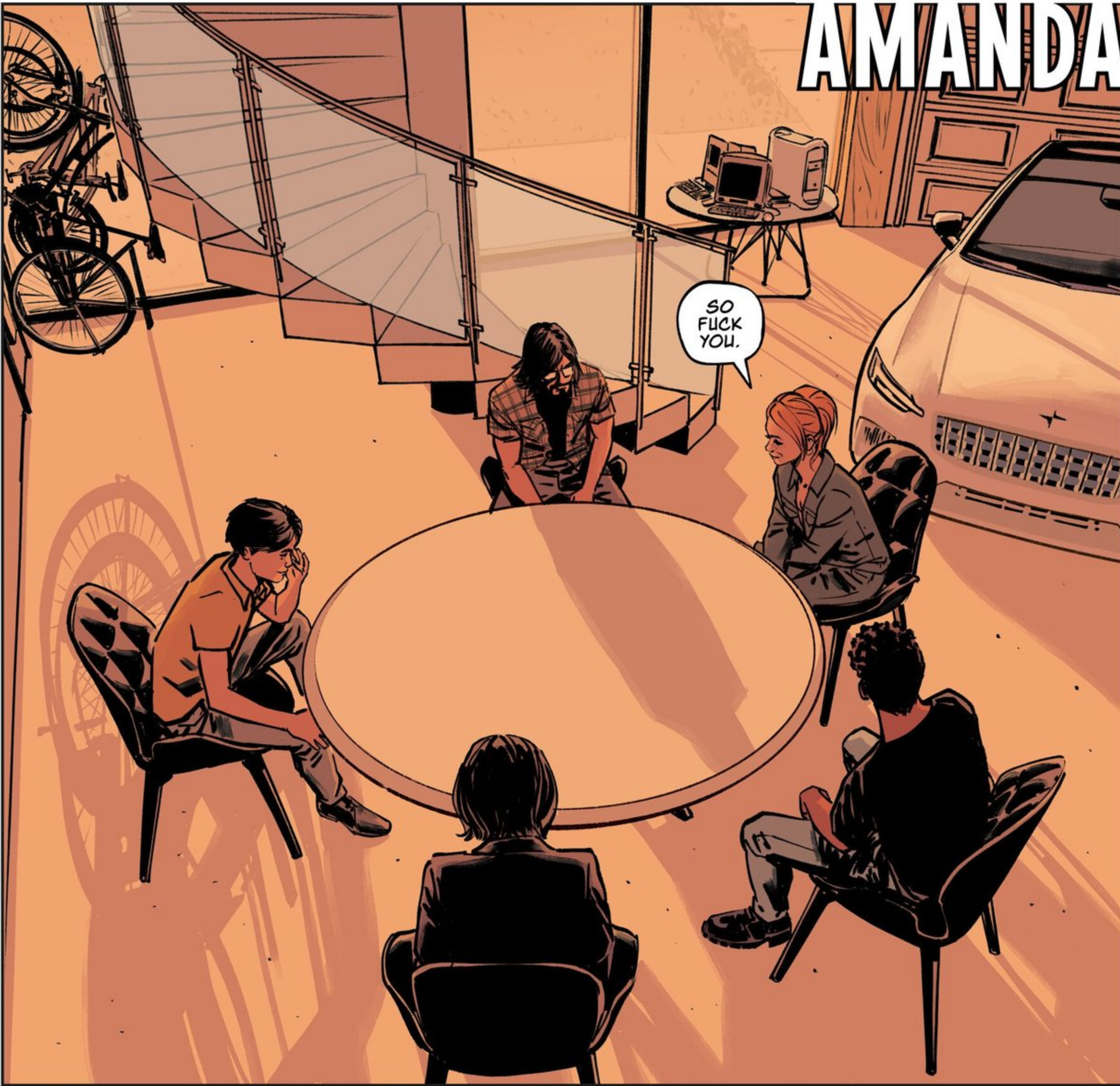
AND I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE'S *COMFORTABLE* IS THE SAME THING AS ANOTHER PERSON'S *RICH*, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S DIFFERENT.



RICH ISN'T JUST HAVING A NICE HOUSE AND GOING ON VACATIONS. *RICH* IS MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN THAT. *RICH* IS A *FUCK YOU* SORT OF THING.



AND NOW I GUESS I'M RICH.



AMANDA

SO FUCK YOU.

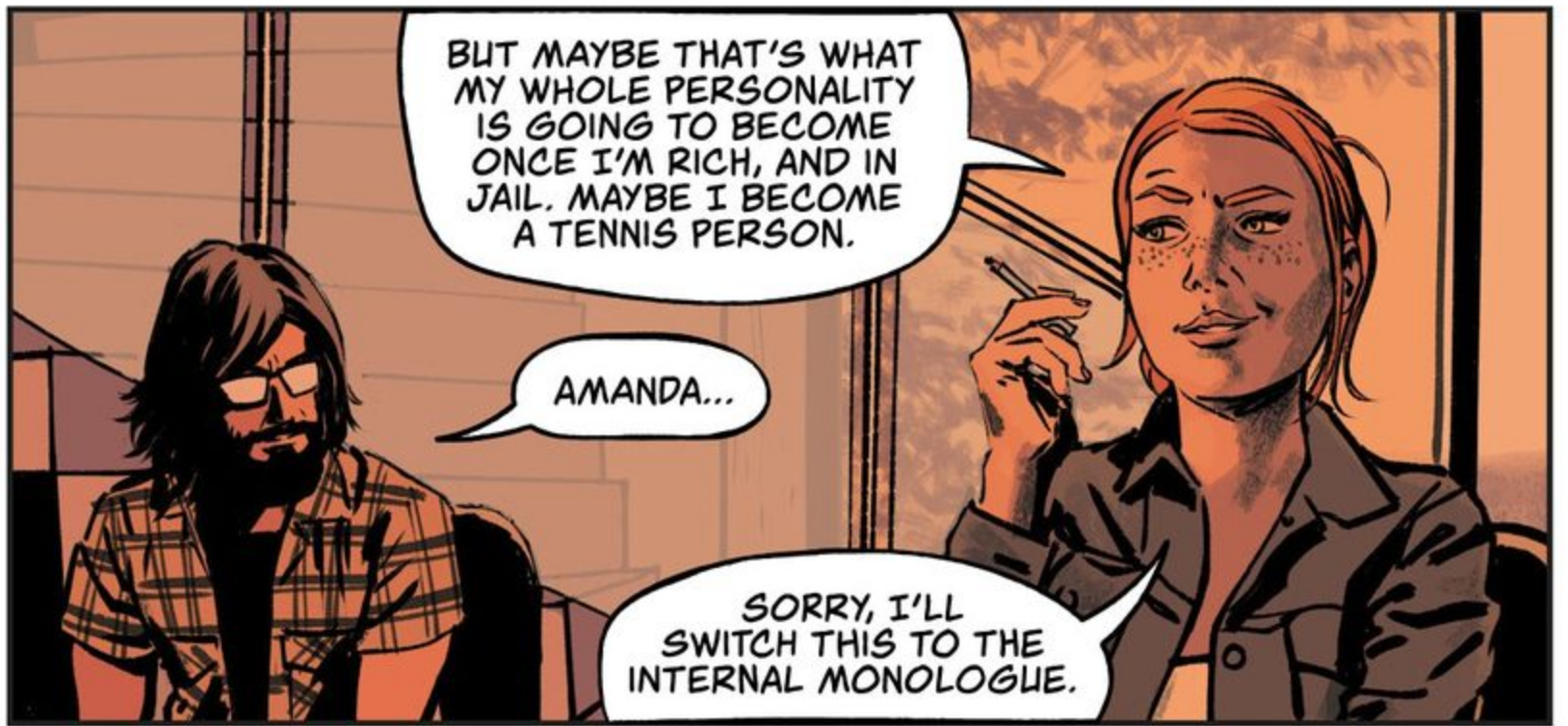


GREAT
TIMING, TOO.
IT'S THE END OF
THE WORLD, AND
IF WE DON'T DIE,
WE'RE PROBABLY
ALL GOING
TO JAIL.



AT LEAST NOW WE CAN
GO TO, LIKE, **RICH
PEOPLE** JAIL. THE KIND
OF JAIL WITH TENNIS
COURTS.

I DON'T EVEN **PLAY**
TENNIS. IN FACT, I KNOW
I **FUCKING HATE** TENNIS.
OR AT LEAST I **HATED** THE
SORT OF PERSON WHO
LIKED **PLAYING** TENNIS, SO
I NEVER REALLY EVEN
TRIED TENNIS.



BUT MAYBE THAT'S WHAT
MY WHOLE PERSONALITY
IS GOING TO BECOME
ONCE I'M RICH, AND IN
JAIL. MAYBE I BECOME
A TENNIS PERSON.

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SORRY, I'LL
SWITCH THIS TO THE
INTERNAL MONOLOGUE.



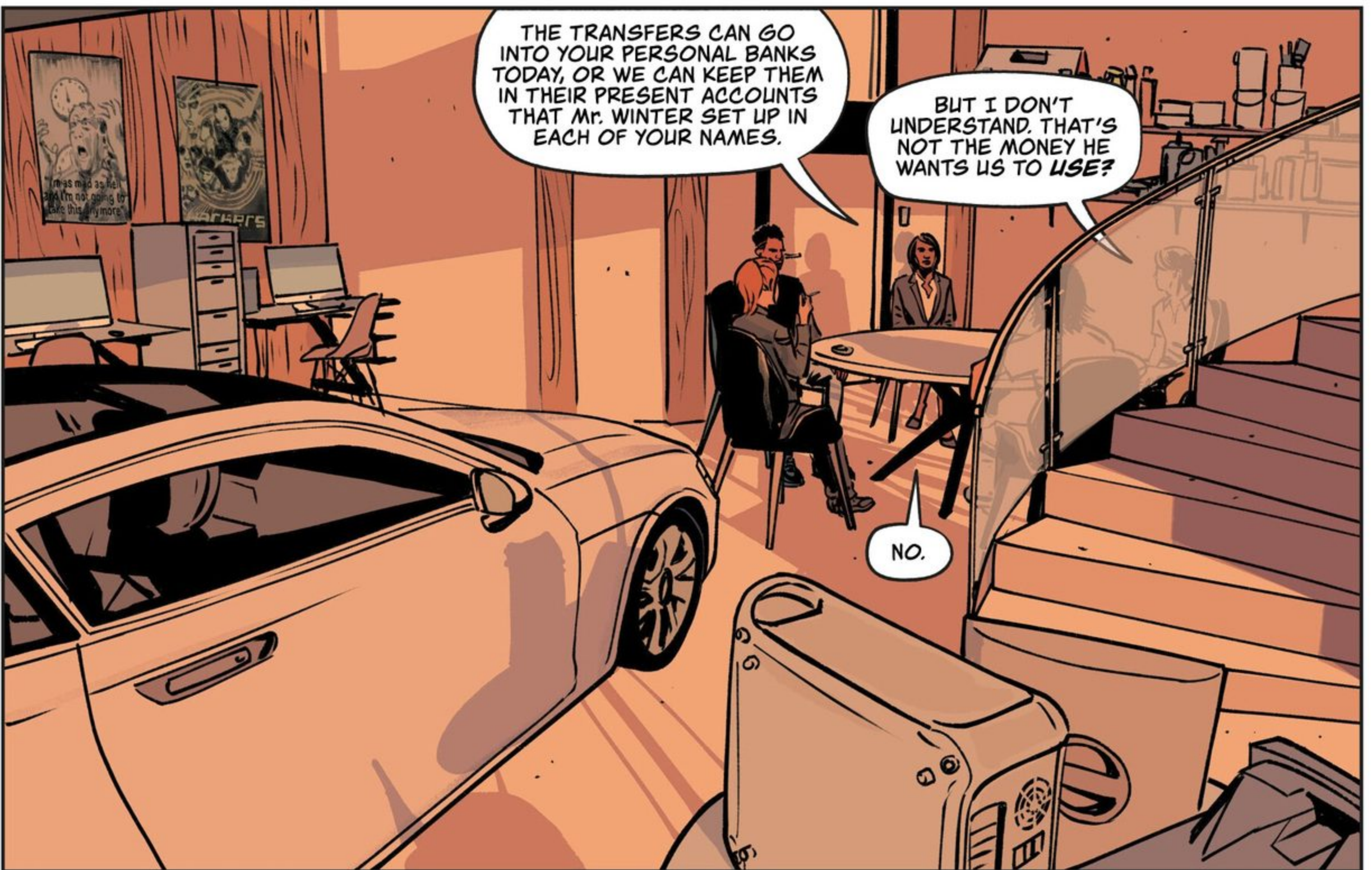
ONE
HUNDRED
MILLION
DOLLARS.



A **PIECE**.
YES.



IN OUR
NAMES.



THE TRANSFERS CAN GO
INTO YOUR PERSONAL BANKS
TODAY, OR WE CAN KEEP THEM
IN THEIR PRESENT ACCOUNTS
THAT MR. WINTER SET UP IN
EACH OF YOUR NAMES.

BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND. THAT'S
NOT THE MONEY HE
WANTS US TO **USE**?

NO.



IN FACT, WHILE YOU'RE ALL AT RISK OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATION, IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO TOUCH THIS MONEY. THINK OF IT AS **SECURITY**, IF YOU **SUCCEED** AT YOUR JOB.



OUR **JOB**. RIGHT.



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY THE WINTER TRUST.



WHICH THE FOUR OF **US** NOW RUN.

WHICH **I** RUN FOR YOUR **BENEFIT**. YOU'RE WELCOME TO **FIRE** ME, THOUGH YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY OUT MY CONTRACT FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.



AS YOUR **LAWYER**, I SUGGEST YOU DON'T FIRE ME.



THIS IS HOW WE CAN SPEND MONEY AND STAY OFF OF THE GRID FROM THE AUTHORITIES.

IT CERTAINLY WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO TRACK.



THESE ARE **CORPORATE CARDS** TO A CHAIN OF MIDWESTERN HARDWARE STORES, WHICH, THROUGH A VERY COMPLICATED WEB OF DOCUMENTS, IS OWNED BY YOU.

ADDITIONALLY, MR. WINTER HAS DRAWN UP FIVE SEPARATE **FUNCTIONAL IDENTITIES** FOR EACH OF YOU. THOUGH HE ADVISED THAT SHOULD YOU NEED TO USE THEM, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGING YOUR HAIR.



IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, I CAN PROVIDE A NEW IDENTITY WITH A WEEK'S NOTICE.

"I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore"



OKAY, SO THAT'S THE STUFF.

YOU MENTIONED THE JOB WE HAVE TO DO. WHAT'S THE JOB?



DON'T WE *KNOW* WHAT THE JOB IS?

HE'S GOING TO HAVE HAD THE LAST WORD. HE *ALWAYS* HAD THE LAST WORD. HE'S GIVING US TOOLS TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING, WHICH MEANS SHE KNOWS WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.

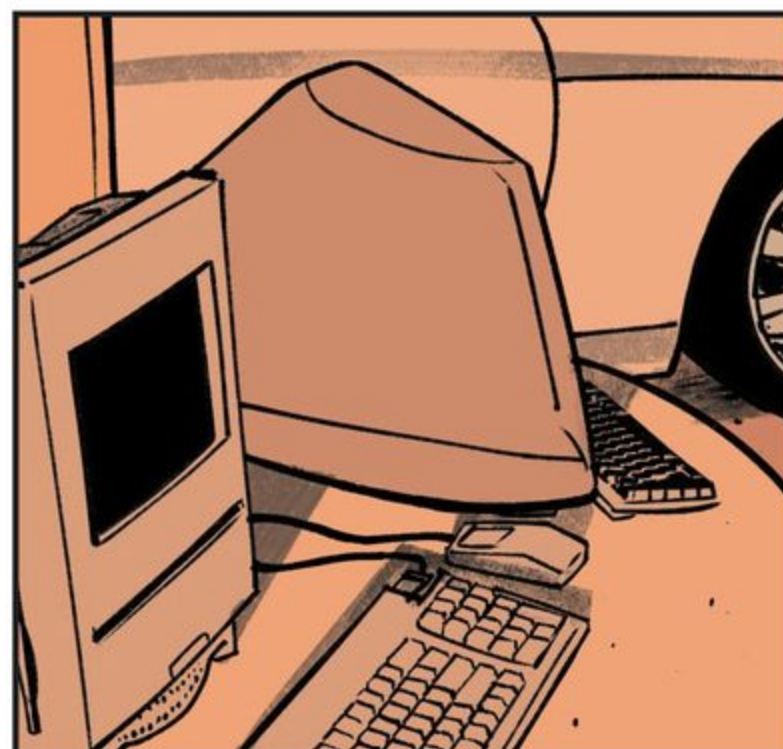


I HAVE A *MESSAGE* FROM HIM. I HAVE NOT SEEN IT. I HAVE BEEN TOLD TO LEAVE THE ROOM WHEN YOU OPEN THIS BRIEFCASE.

I AM SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU THAT HIS INTENTION WAS I NOT KNOW ABOUT ANY OF ITS CONTENTS, THOUGH IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO INFORM ME ABOUT IT OR NOT.



I AM GOING TO SEE WHETHER THE PAPERS ARE READY FOR YOU ALL TO SIGN IN THE OTHER ROOM. COME OUT WHEN YOU'RE READY.



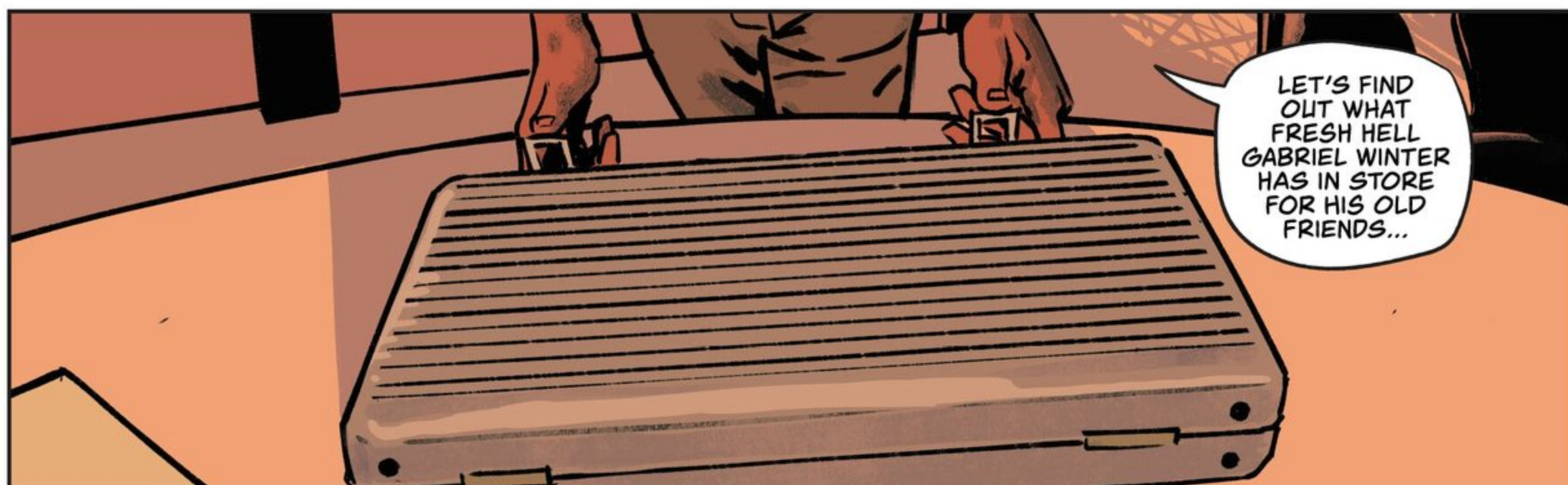
I HOPE THE REST OF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE *OTHER* STUFF, BECAUSE I'M STILL *LOST* IN ALL OF US BEING *INSANELY WEALTHY*.



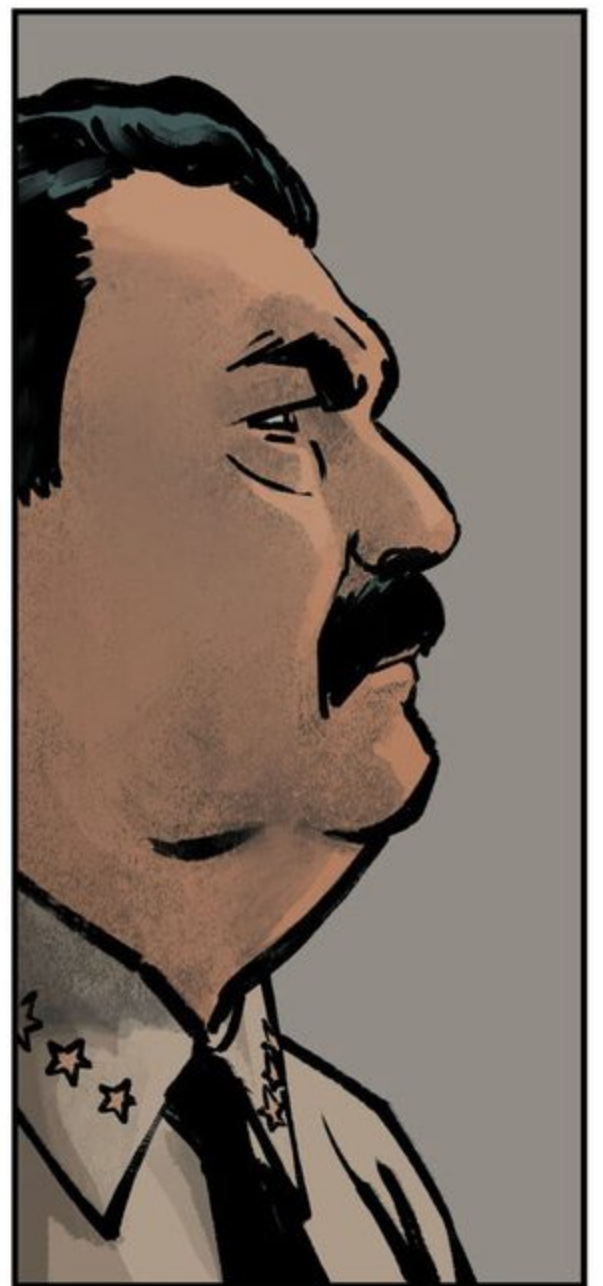
I WANT TO BUY SO MANY THINGS RIGHT NOW.



LET'S STAY FOCUSED.







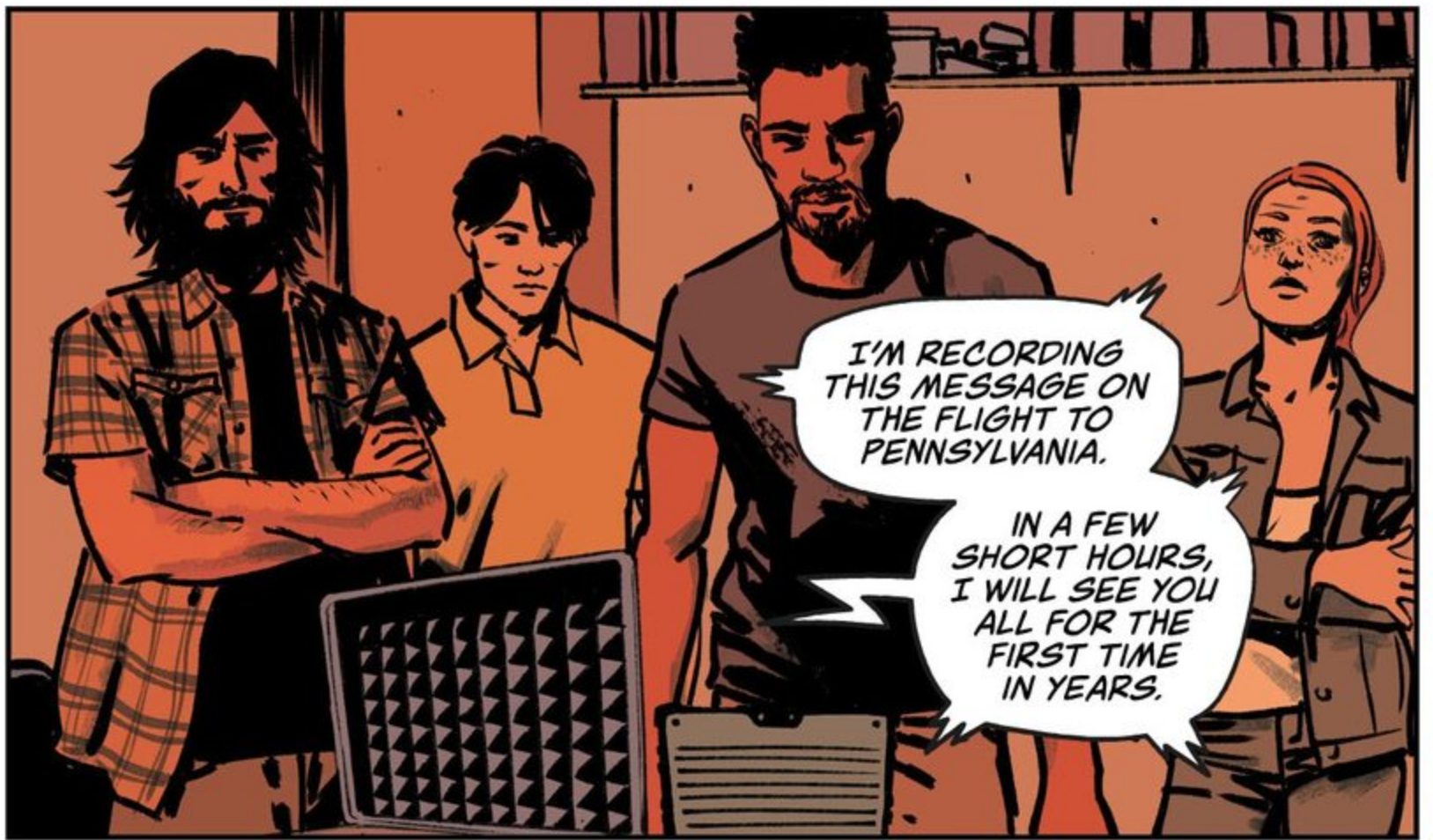


AMANDA





HELLO,
EVERYONE.



I'M RECORDING
THIS MESSAGE ON
THE FLIGHT TO
PENNSYLVANIA.

IN A FEW
SHORT HOURS,
I WILL SEE YOU
ALL FOR THE
FIRST TIME
IN YEARS.



I AM EXCITED,
AND NERVOUS. I'VE
MISSED YOU ALL
TREMENDOUSLY.



I WISH THAT THIS
WAS JUST GOING TO BE
A MESSAGE OF MY LOVE TO
ALL OF YOU. APOLOGIES FOR
ALL THE SINS OF THE PAST.



I HOPE...I MANAGED TO
SAY SOME OF WHAT'S IN
MY HEART BEFORE...



WELL. WE'LL
GET TO
THAT.



I WILL BE
HANDING A BRIEFCASE
OVER TO MY LAWYER,
SYDNEY BRANT,
BEFORE MEETING
THE REST OF YOU.



THIS IS
MY FIRST AND BEST
CONTINGENCY, CONTAINING
THIS MESSAGE AND
A SERIES OF MAPS
AND ADDRESSES.



IF SOMEONE
OTHER THAN SYDNEY
PRESENTED YOU WITH
THE BRIEFCASE, YOU
SHOULD CONSIDER ALL
OF THE INFORMATION
COMPROMISED.

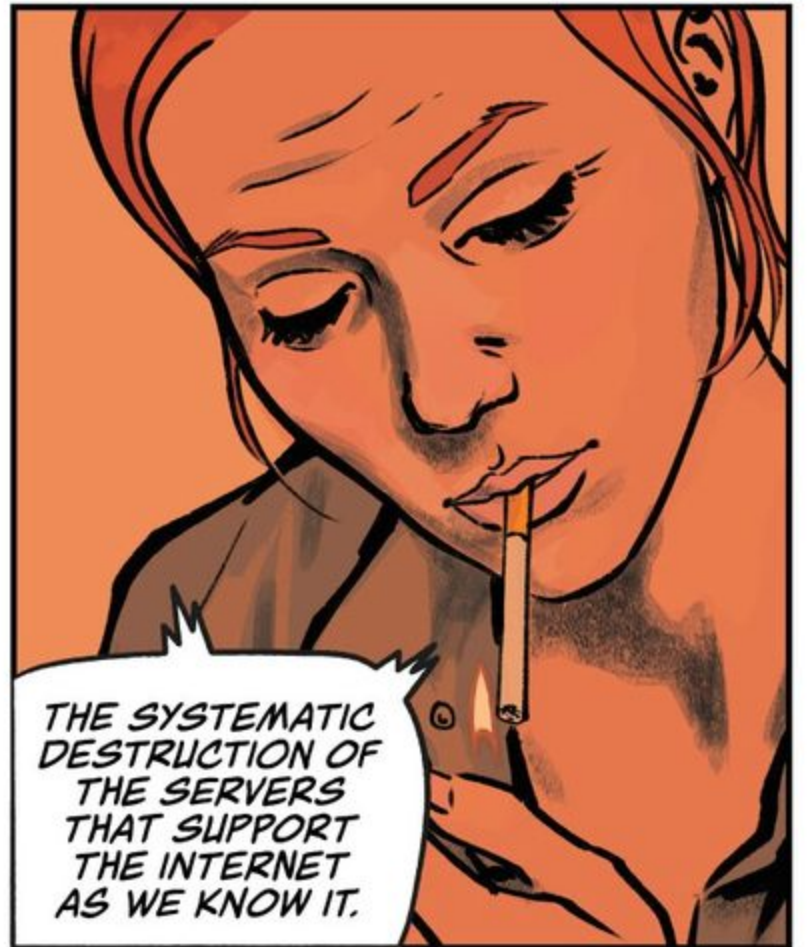
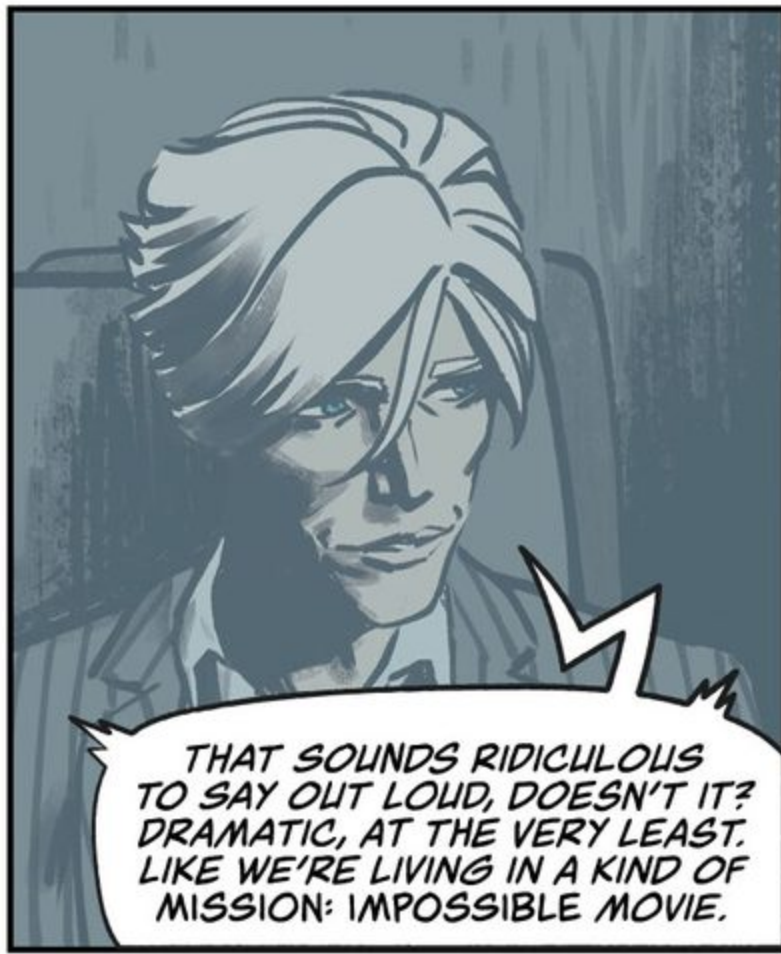


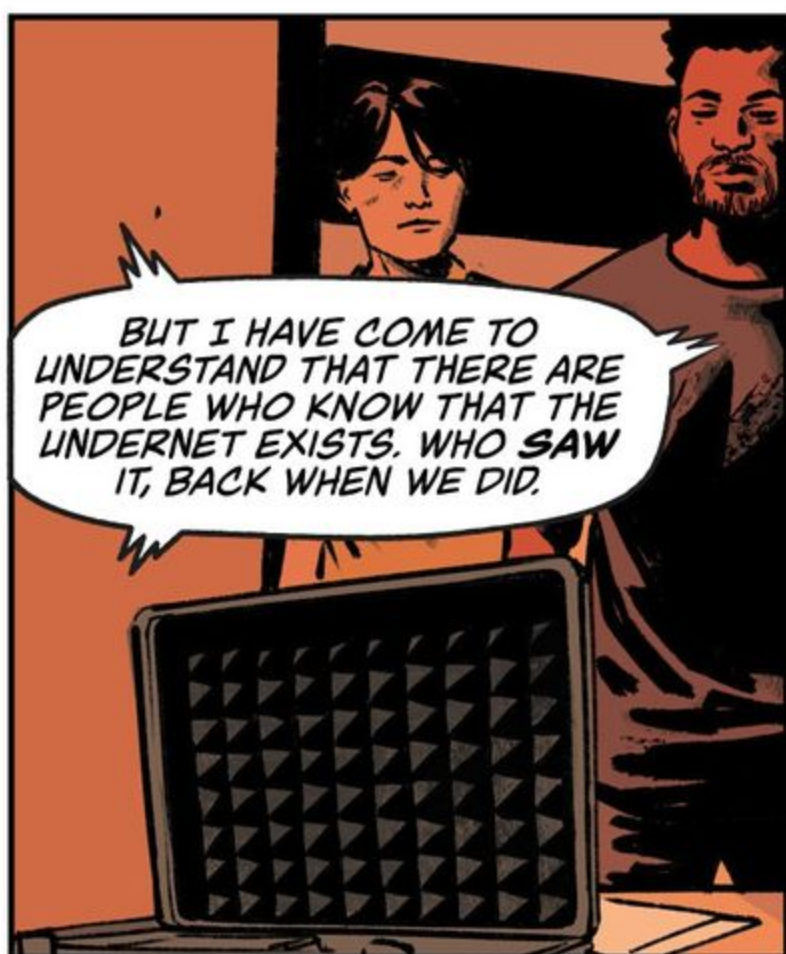
BUT HOPEFULLY
WE'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR
WITHOUT THE OTHER SIDE
KNOWING WHAT I HAVE
UP MY SLEEVE.



OTHER SIDE.
WHAT OTHER
SIDE?

SHH.
LISTEN.





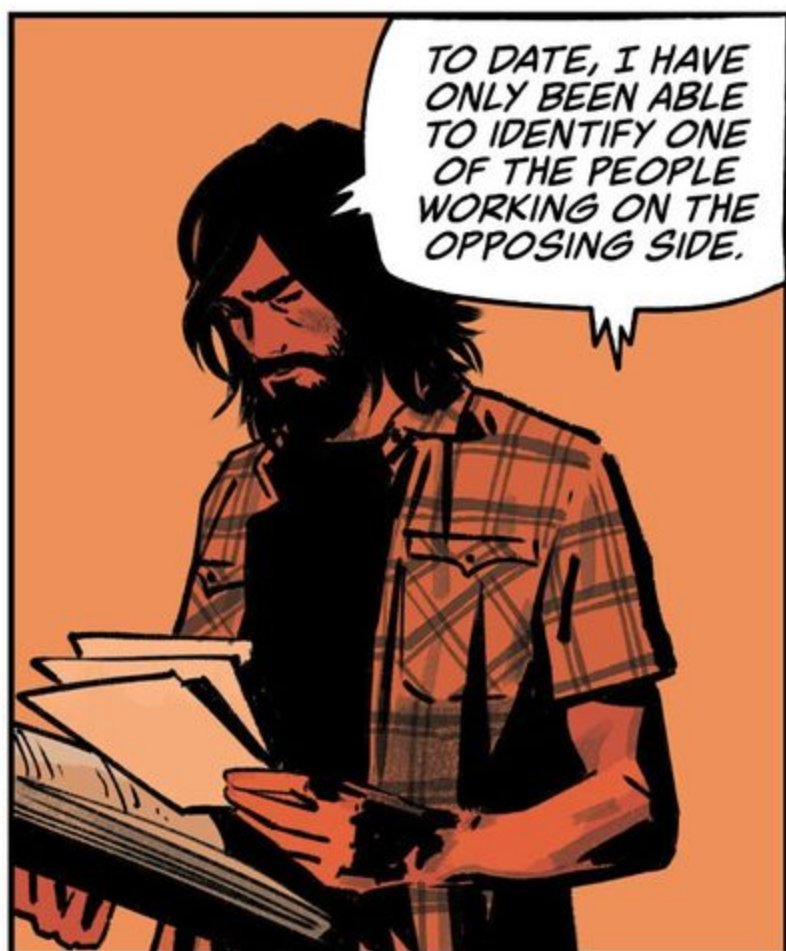
BUT I HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THAT THE UNDERNET EXISTS. WHO SAW IT, BACK WHEN WE DID.



THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TO CREATE A NEW DOORWAY IN.



ROUGHLY THREE YEARS AGO, I BELIEVE THEY SUCCEEDED.



TO DATE, I HAVE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY ONE OF THE PEOPLE WORKING ON THE OPPOSING SIDE.



MY SISTER, SAMARA WINTER.



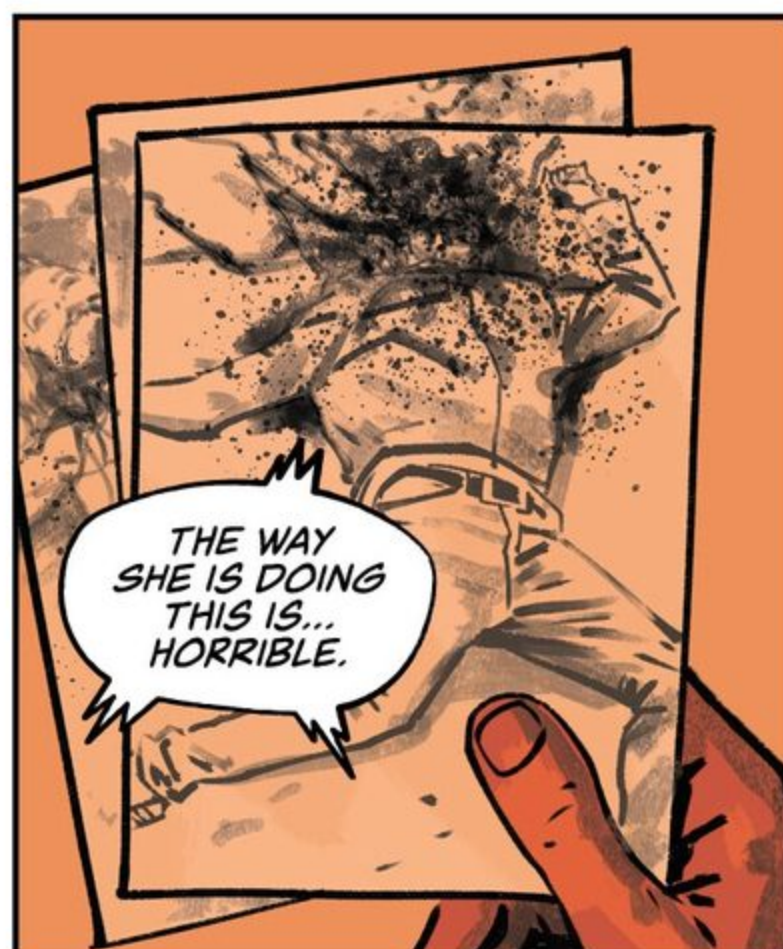
I DON'T BELIEVE SHE HAS THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO HAVE CREATED A NEW DOORWAY HERSELF.



HER ACTIONS SUGGEST A LARGER CONSPIRACY ON WHOSE BEHALF SHE HAS BECOME A SORT OF EVANGELIST.



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE UNDERNET AND THE WORLD IT WANTS TO USHER IN.



THE WAY SHE IS DOING THIS IS... HORRIBLE.



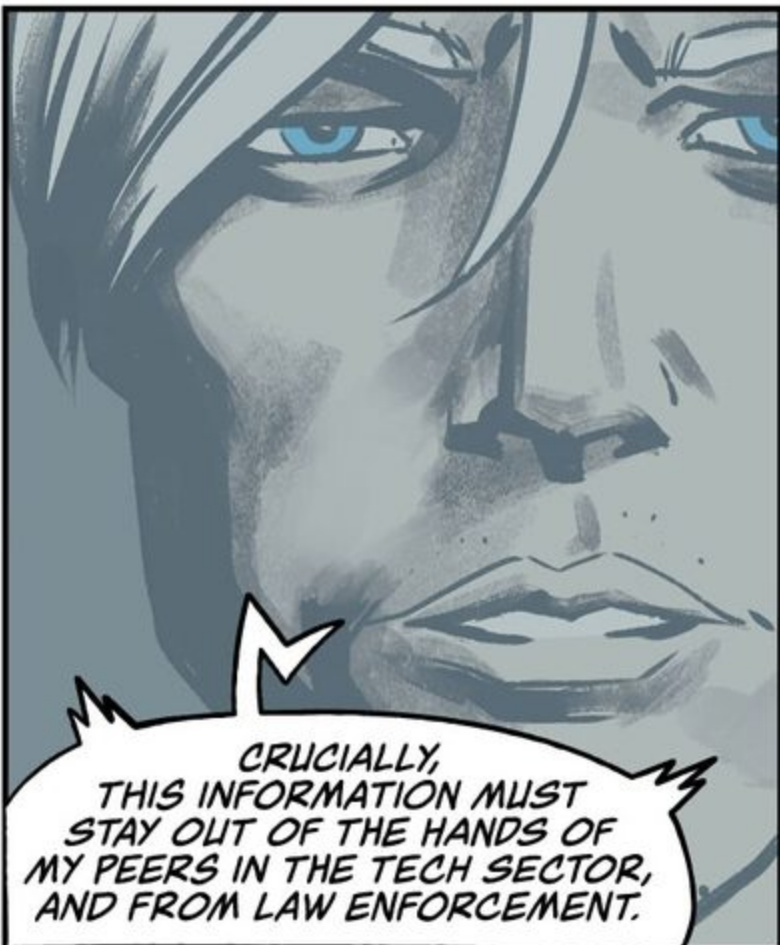
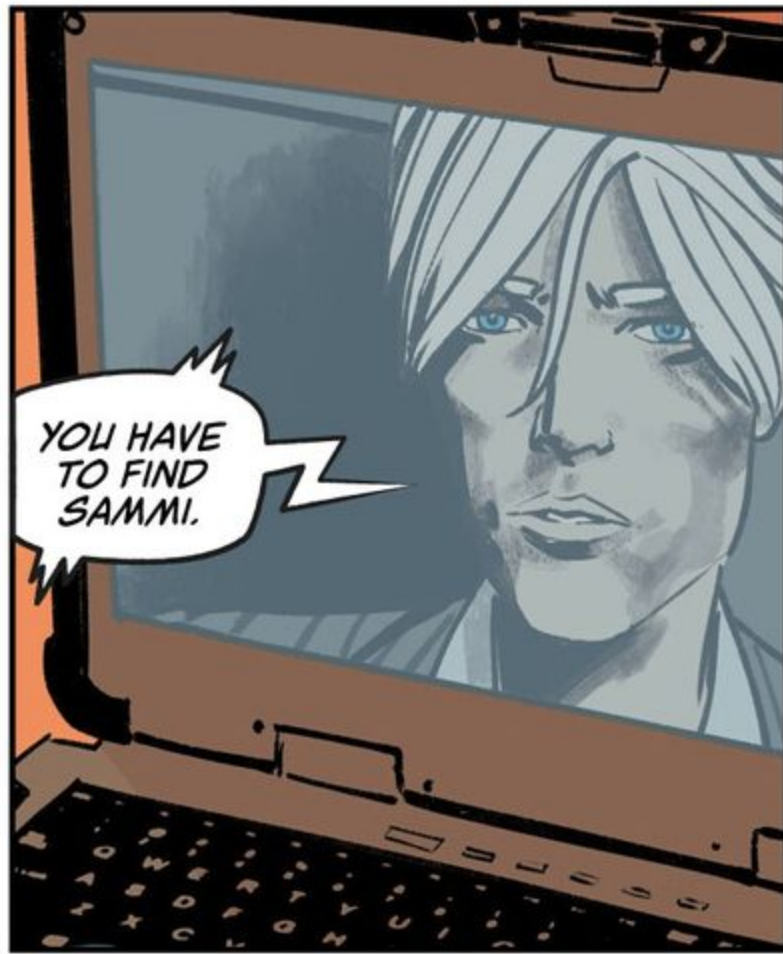
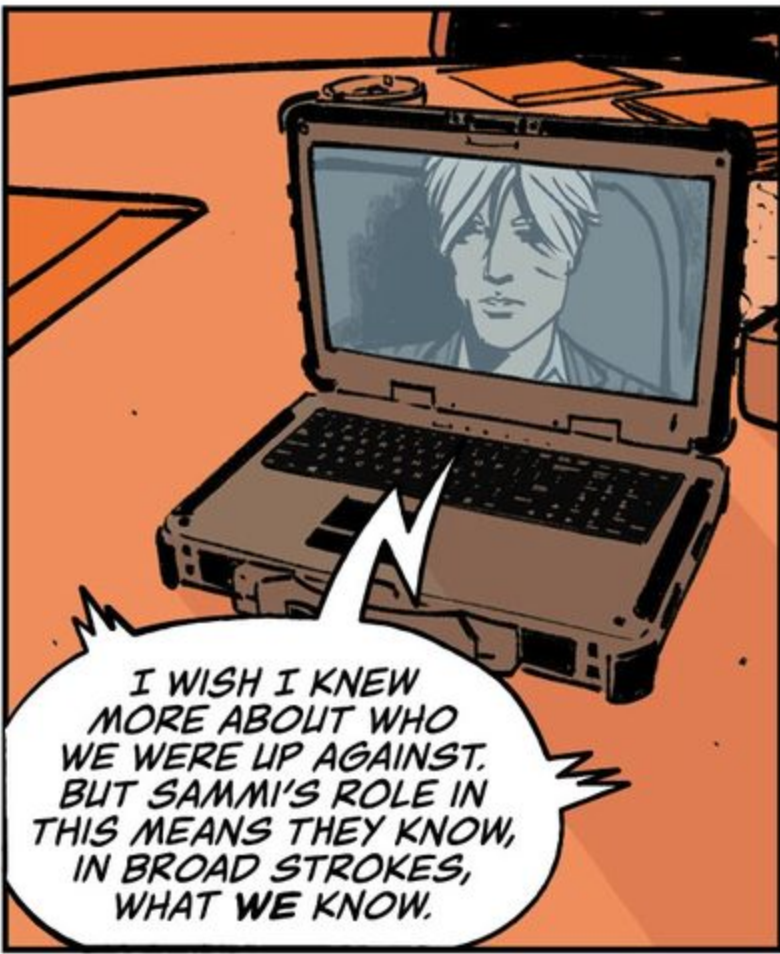
I HAVE THE FILES I'VE MANAGED TO PULL FROM THE FBI INVESTIGATION INTO HER ACTIONS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW HEARTBREAKING THEY WERE TO READ.

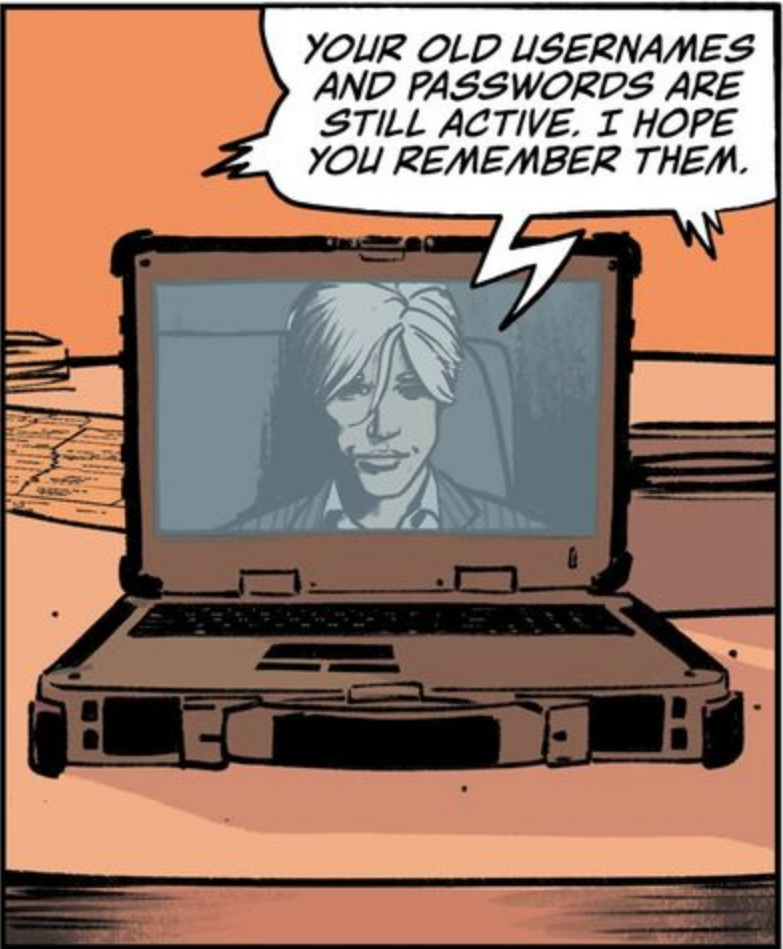
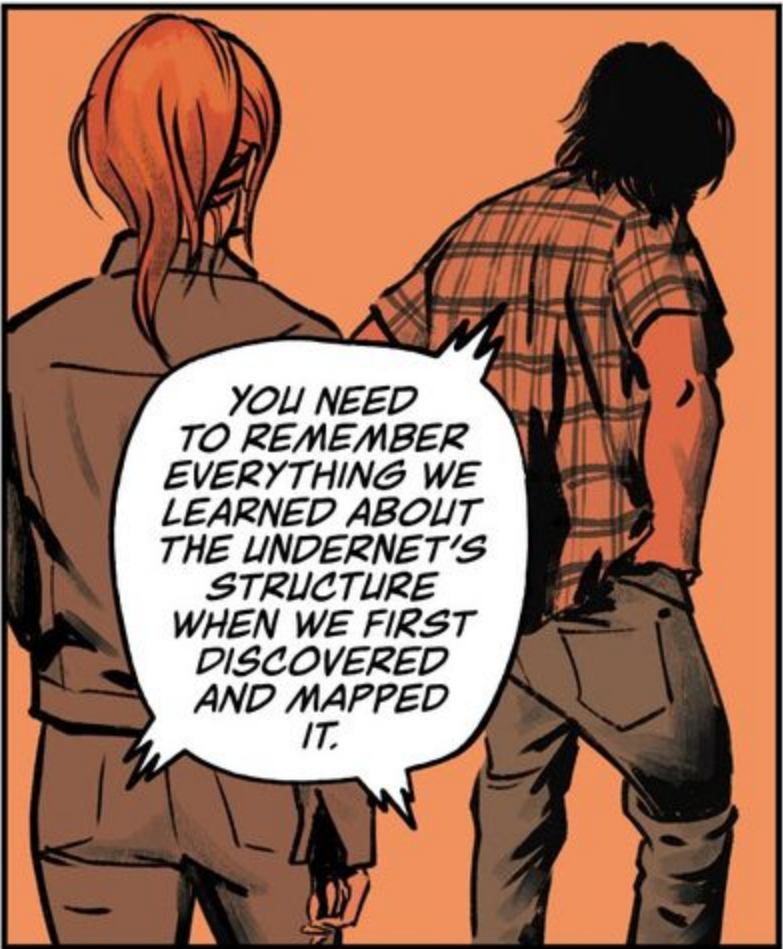
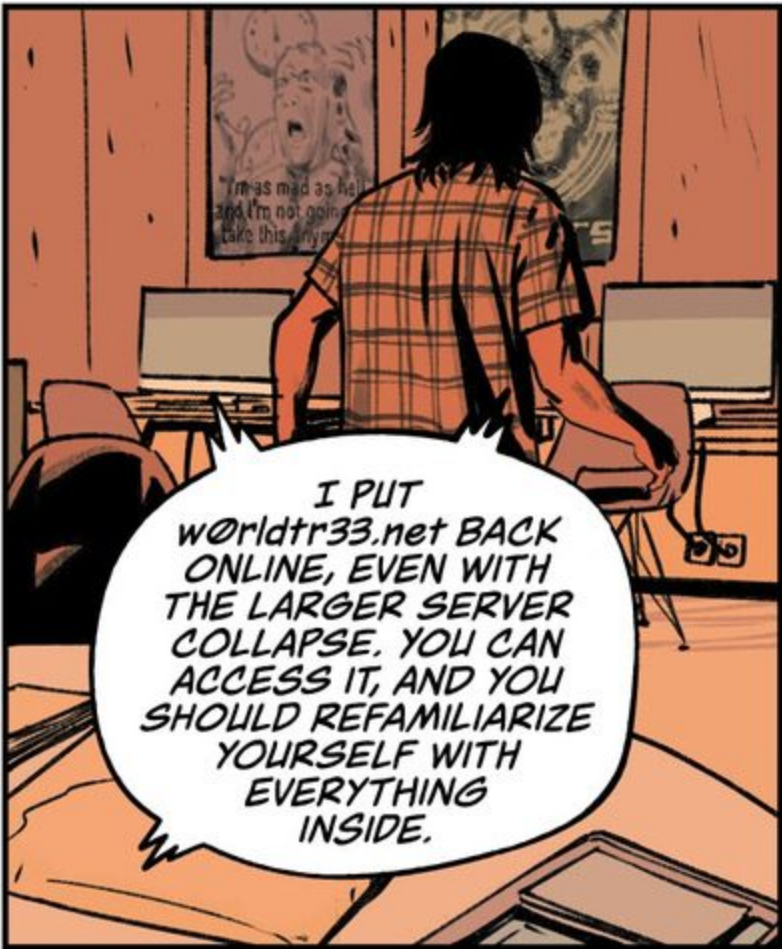
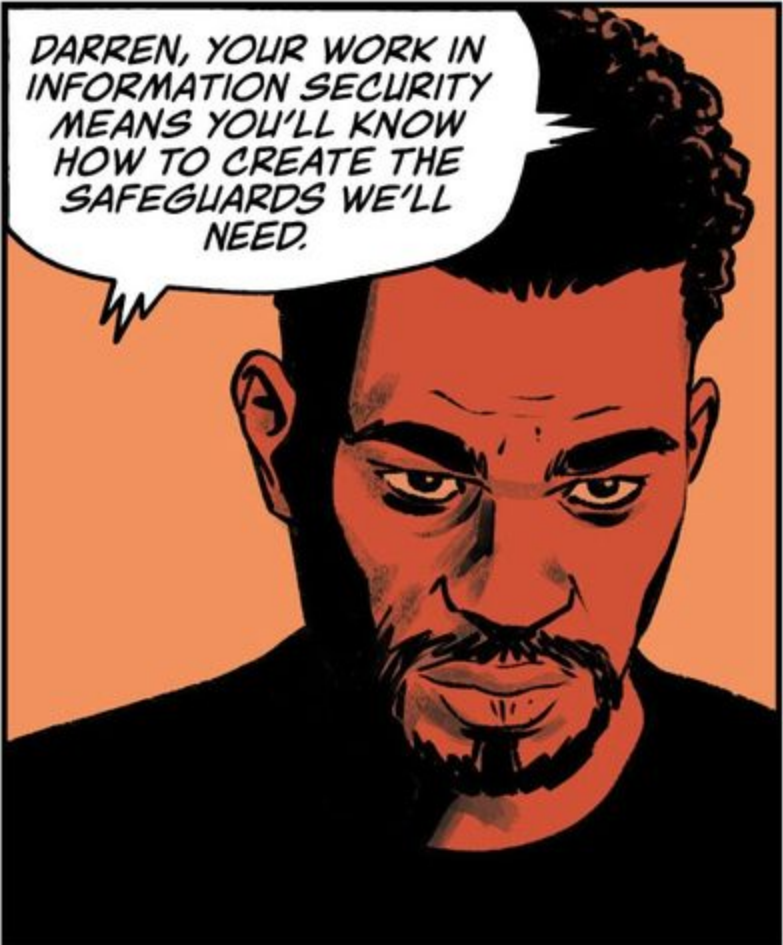
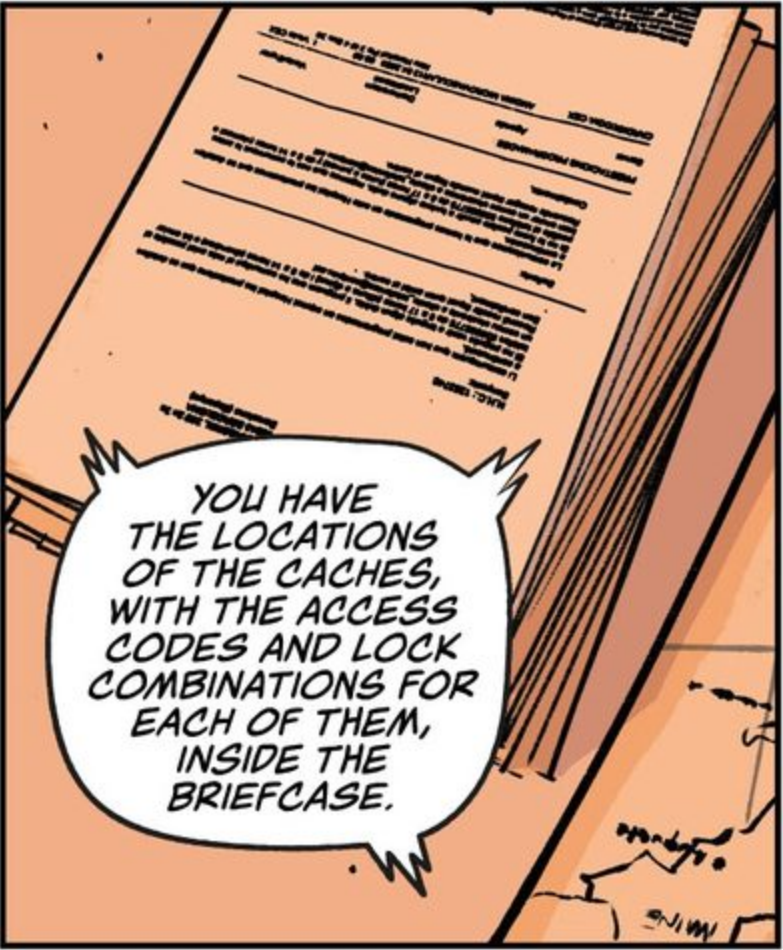
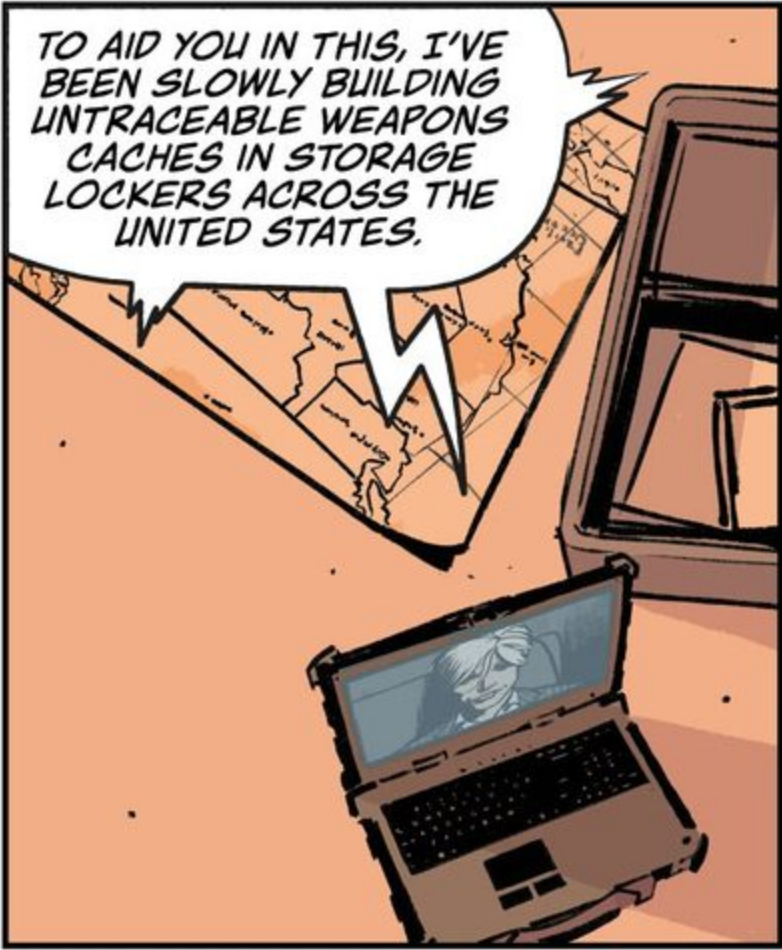


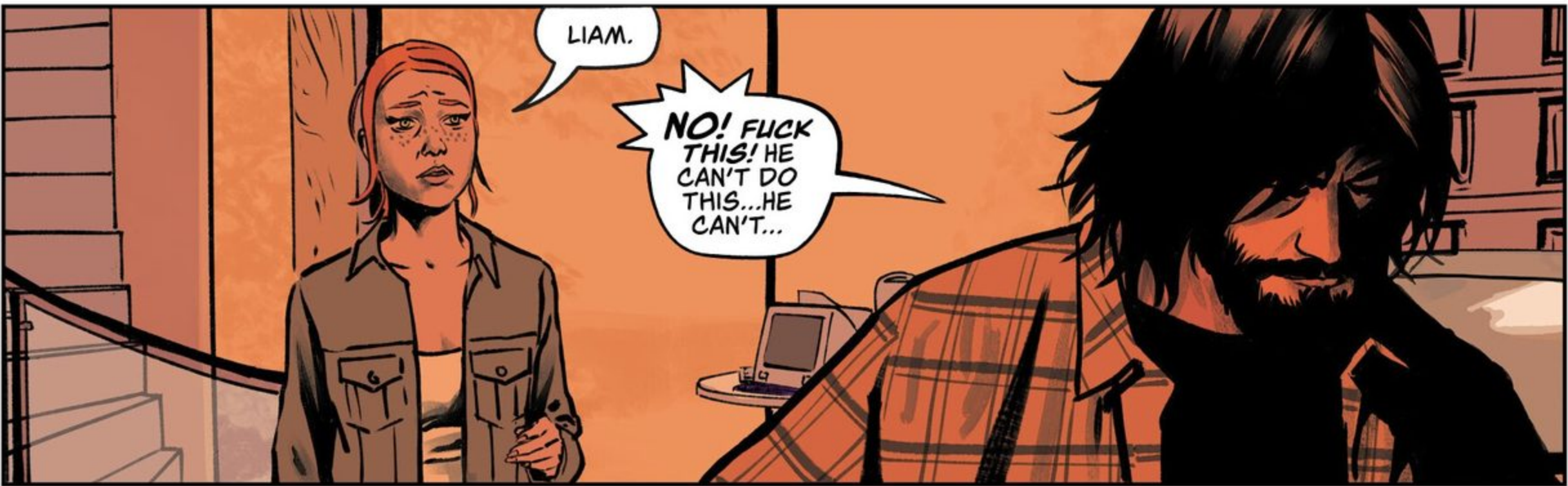
BUT IT SHOWS THAT OUR OPPONENTS ARE NOT ABOVE ATROCITIES. I BELIEVE SHE IS INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASS KILLING COMMITTED BY GIBSON LANE.

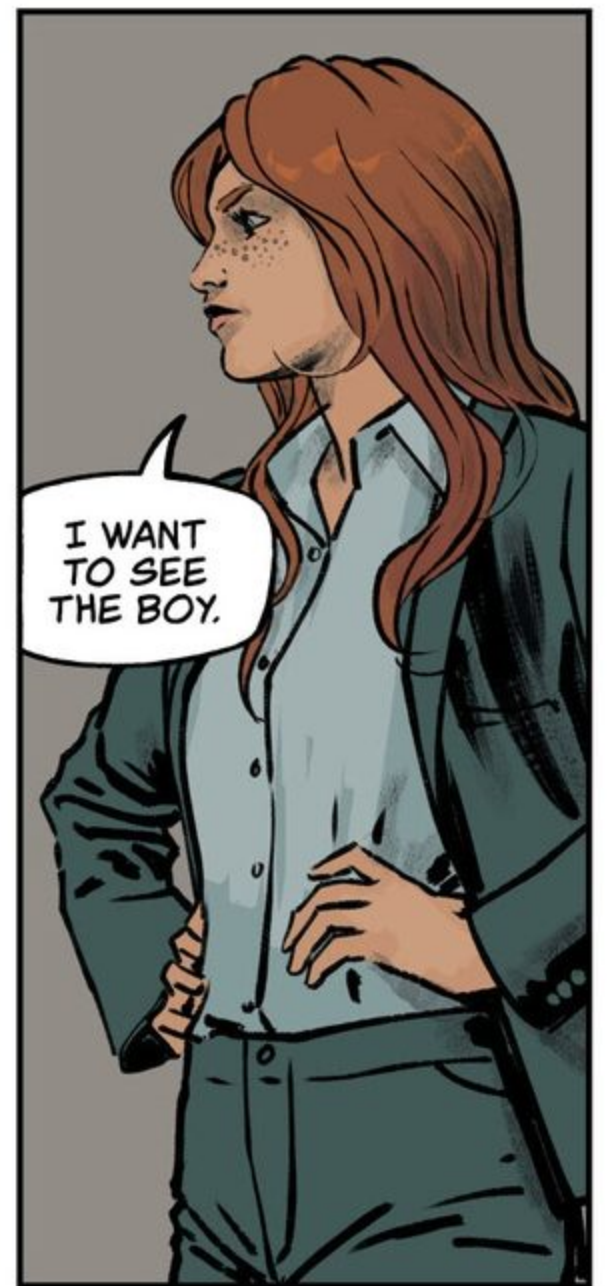


THAT SHE MANAGED TO SHOW HIM WHAT LIVED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE INTERNET, AND CONVINCED HIM TO ACT TO START BUILDING THEIR CRUEL NEW WORLD.





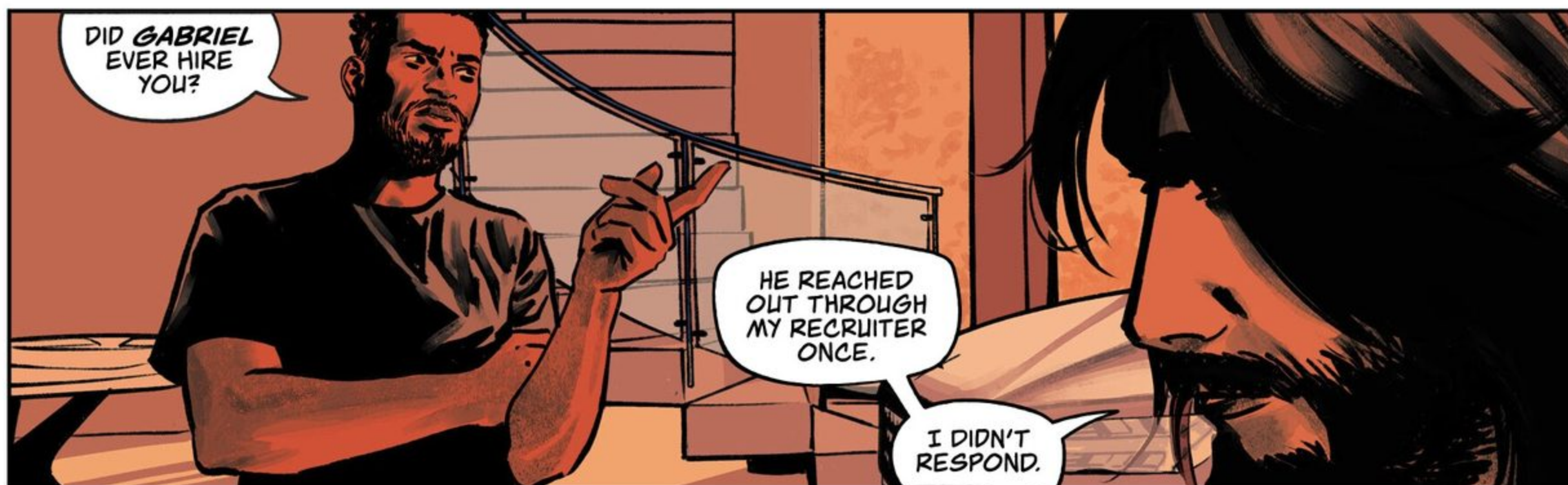












DID **GABRIEL** EVER HIRE YOU?

HE REACHED OUT THROUGH MY RECRUITER ONCE.

I DIDN'T RESPOND.



DON'T KNOW IF HE JUST... WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE KNEW.



THIS **RECRUITER**. HE HAS **OTHER** VERSIONS OF YOU IN HIS ROLODEX. THINK IT'S WORTH CHECKING IF SOMEBODY ELSE TOOK THE GIG YOU TURNED DOWN?

I THINK THAT'S WORTH INVESTIGATING. AND IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE BAY AREA.



YOU WANT TO GO RIGHT INTO THE LION'S DEN?



LOOK, WITH THESE SORTS OF JOBS...I REALIZED EARLY ON THAT THE PERSON GIVING YOU THE ASSIGNMENT ALWAYS HAS CRUCIAL INFORMATION THEY'VE DECIDED YOU DON'T NEED.



AND **GABRIEL**... I **GUARANTEE** THERE'S A LOT HE DIDN'T SAY IN THAT VIDEO. AND IF WE DON'T WANT TO GET **KILLED** OR **CAUGHT**, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT HE **KNEW**, NOT WHAT HE **WANTED** US TO KNOW.



I THINK
WE SHOULD
VOTE.



VOTE
ON WHAT,
YOSHI?



ARE WE GOING TO *DO* ALL THIS SHIT?
ARE WE GOING TO SIGN THIS PAPER-
WORK, GET HIS MONEY, LOAD UP ON
WEAPONS, AND FIGHT THE GOVERN-
MENT *AND* THE RICHEST COMPANIES
IN THE WORLD?



WE DON'T
NEED TO
VOTE.

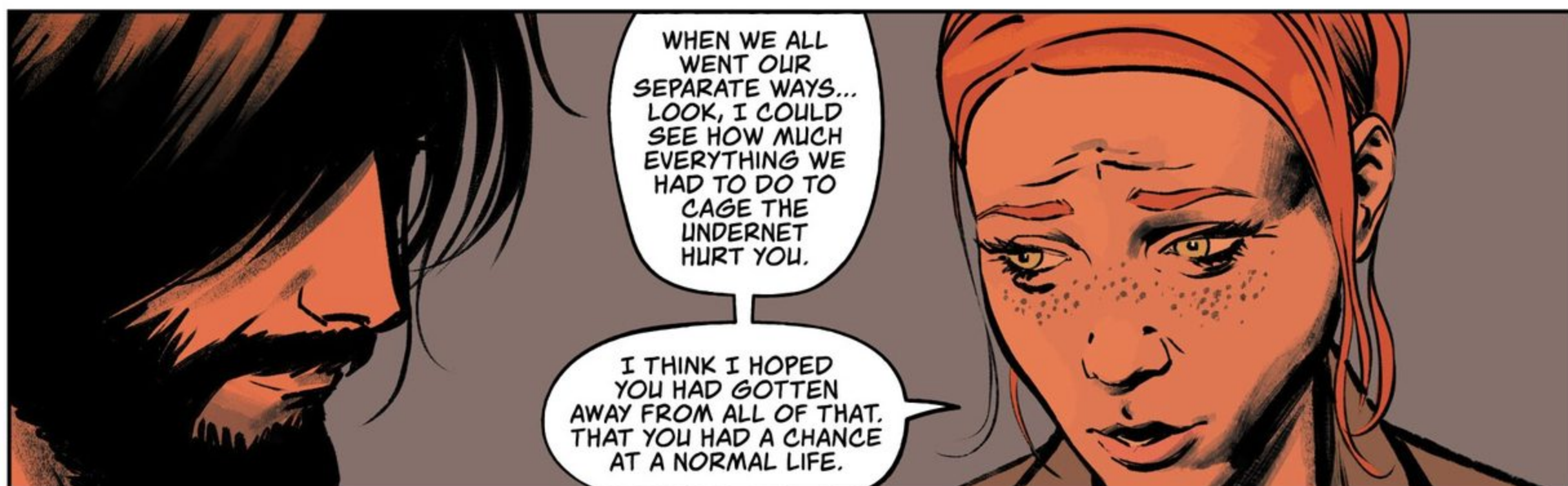


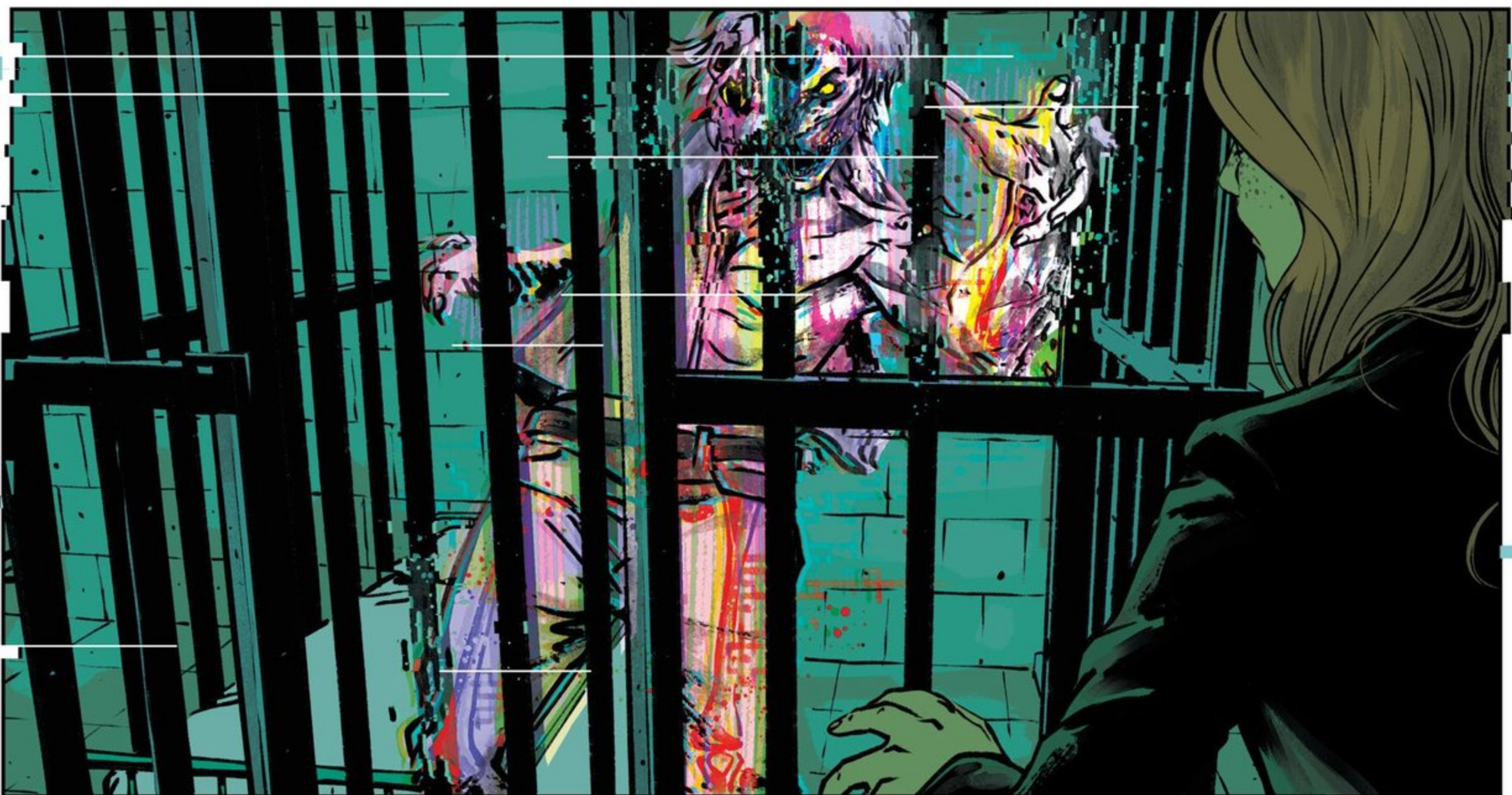
WE *DO*,
THOUGH.

I DON'T WANT
SOMEBODY TO BE
ABLE TO SAY MONTHS
FROM NOW THAT THEY
NEVER AGREED TO
ALL OF THIS.

FIRST
WE VOTE.











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LITTLE
PEER

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JUDGING ME.

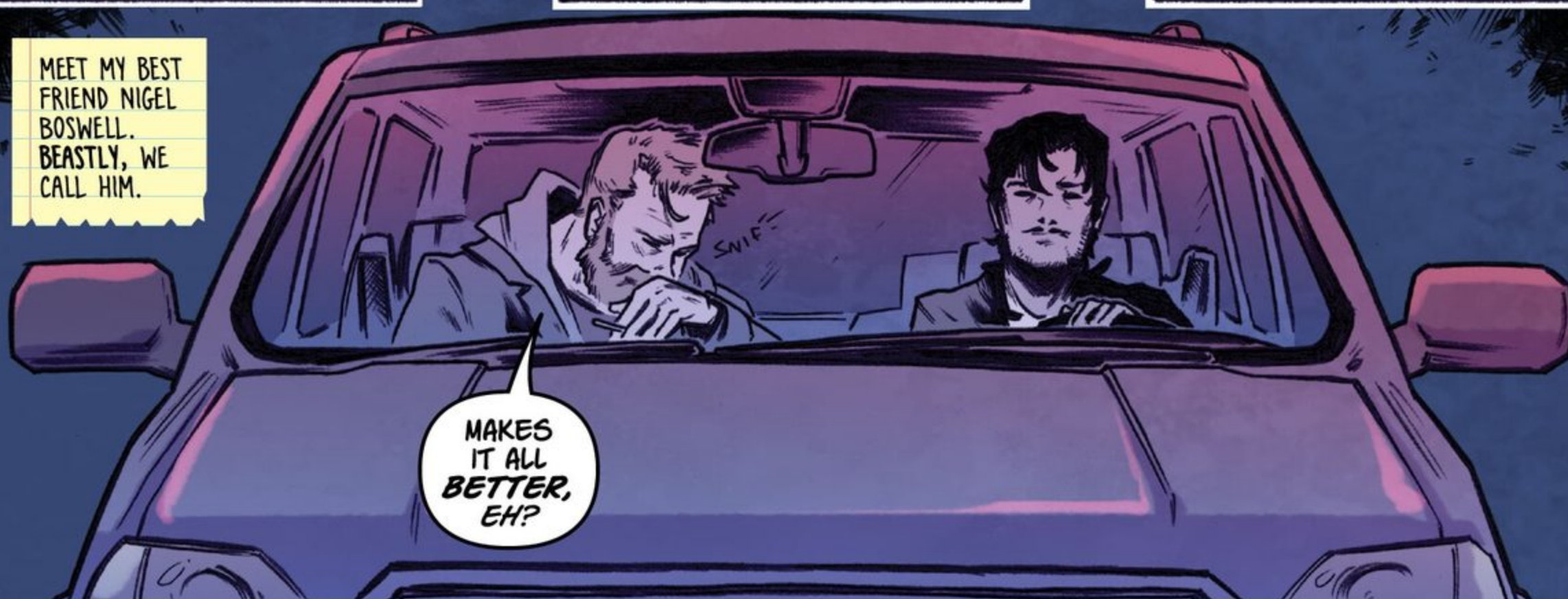


THAT'S COOL. I
DESERVE IT. I'M
SURE OF THAT.



AH, 'TIS
A THING OF
BEAUTY. PITY
TO DESTROY
IT, BUT I
MUST.

MEET MY BEST
FRIEND NIGEL
BOSWELL.
BEASTLY, WE
CALL HIM.



MAKES
IT ALL
BETTER,
EH?

AND
SO WILL
THESE...



HE'S A GOOD
INFLUENCE.
OBTUSLY.

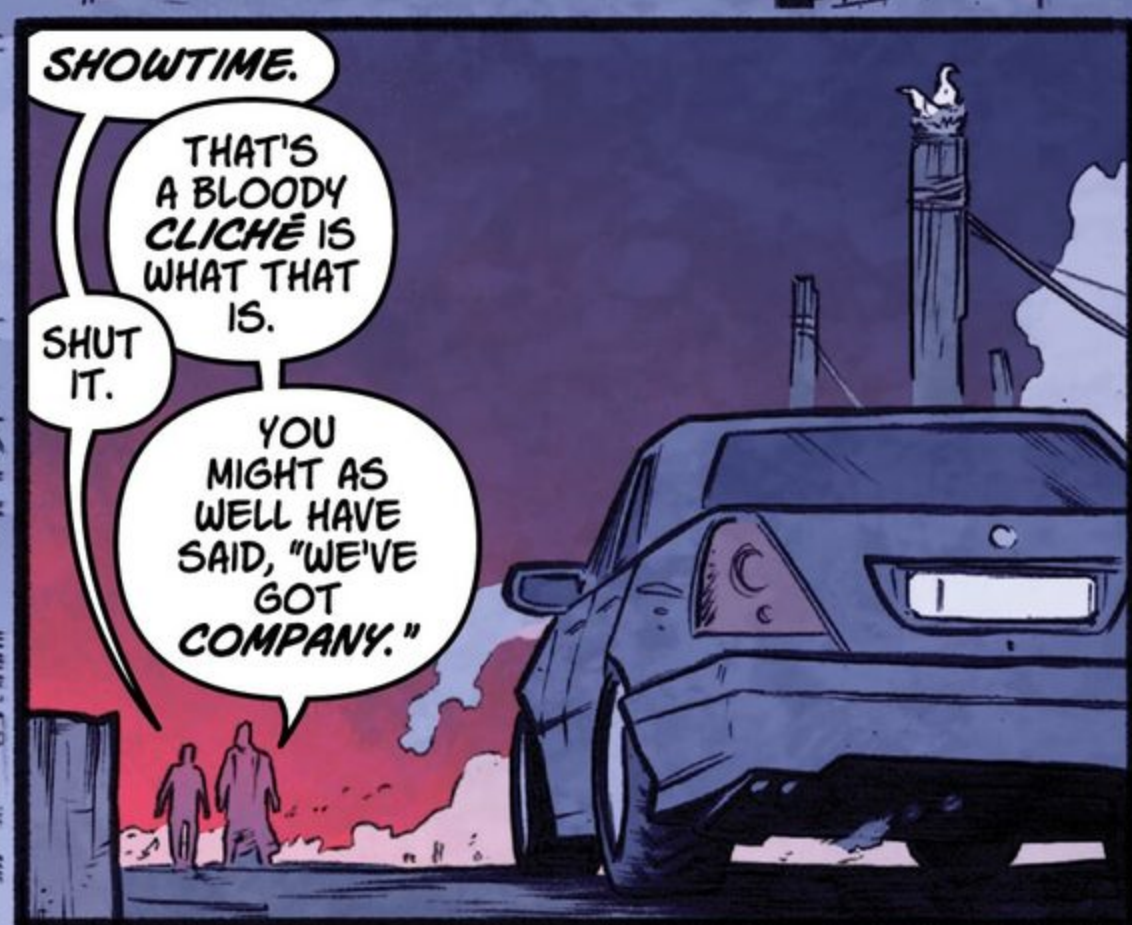


YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE IT,
MATE.



THE MOVIE
IS CALLED
"ARRRRRR?"

I **DON'T**
WANT TO
TALK ABOUT
IT.



SHOWTIME.

THAT'S
A BLOODY
CLICHÉ IS
WHAT THAT
IS.

SHUT
IT.

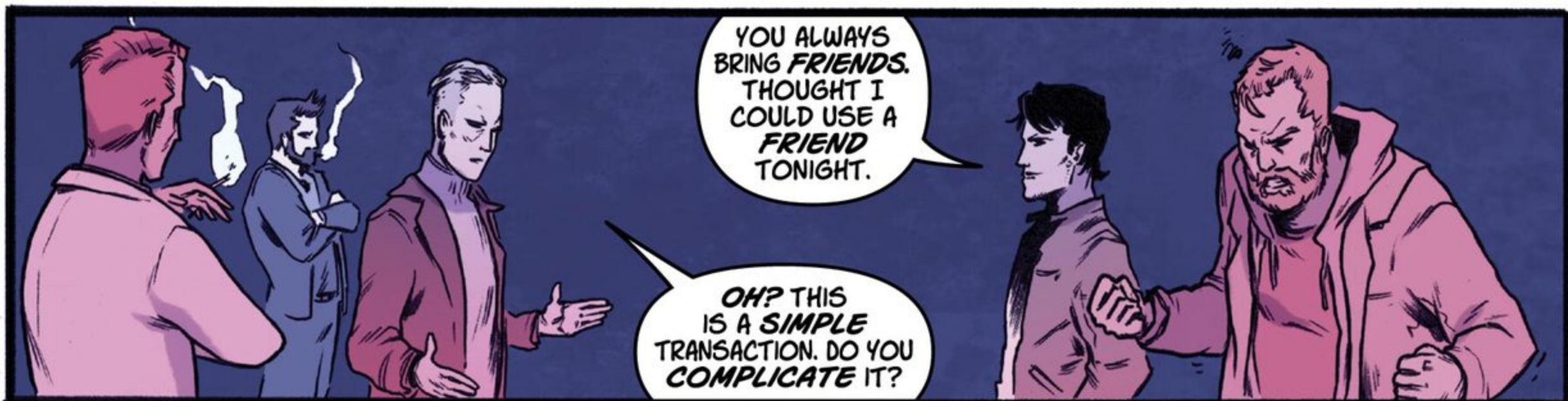
YOU
MIGHT AS
WELL HAVE
SAID, "WE'VE
GOT
COMPANY."



NOT TRYING TO BE SOME KIND
OF MAFIA HIPSTER, BUT THE
LITHUANIANS ARE GOING TO BE THE
"NEXT BIG THING" IN ORGANIZED
CRIME. YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST.



HEY,
SPIRO.





DIDN'T WORK
THIS TIME,
EITHER.

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

GAHHH!

KLASTINGUMAS!

I LOOKED
IT UP.

WTF!

Turns out it
means "TREACHERY"
in Lithuanian.

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

OOOF!

BLAM

BLAM

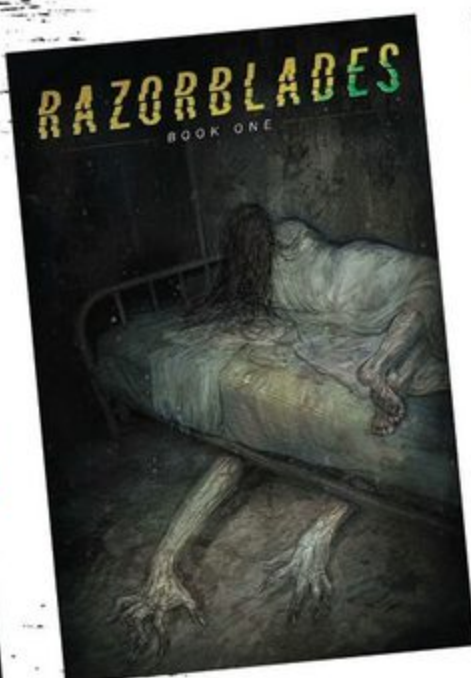
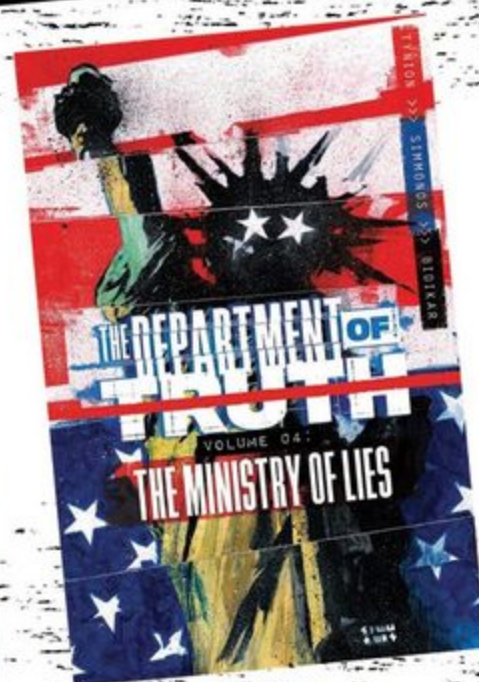
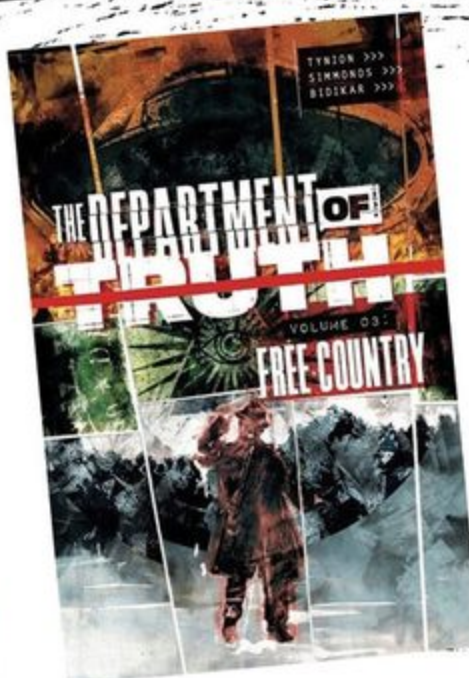
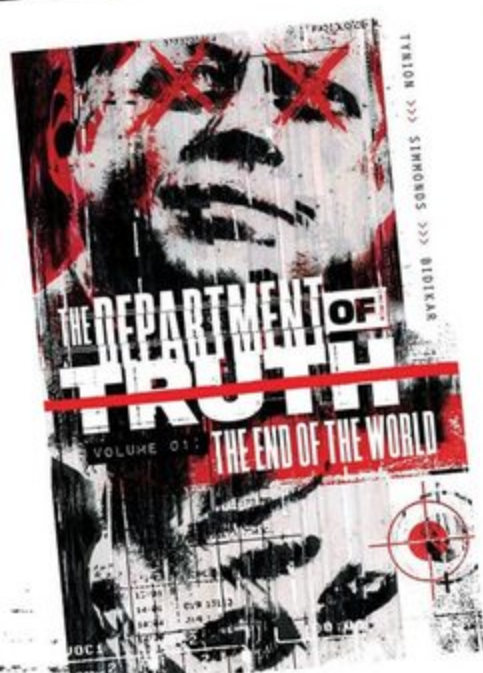
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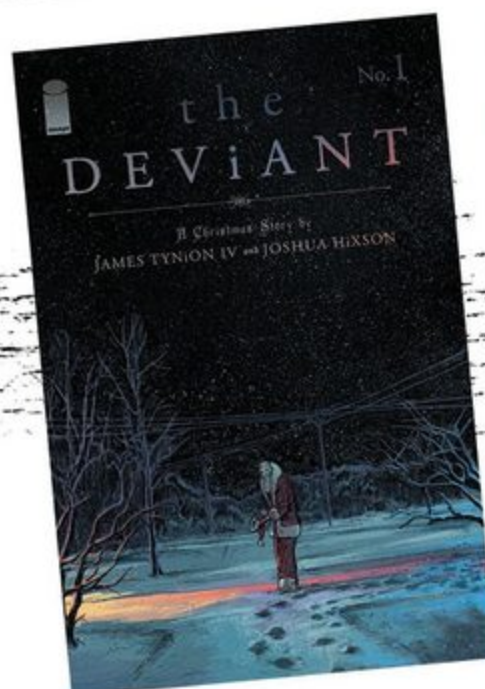
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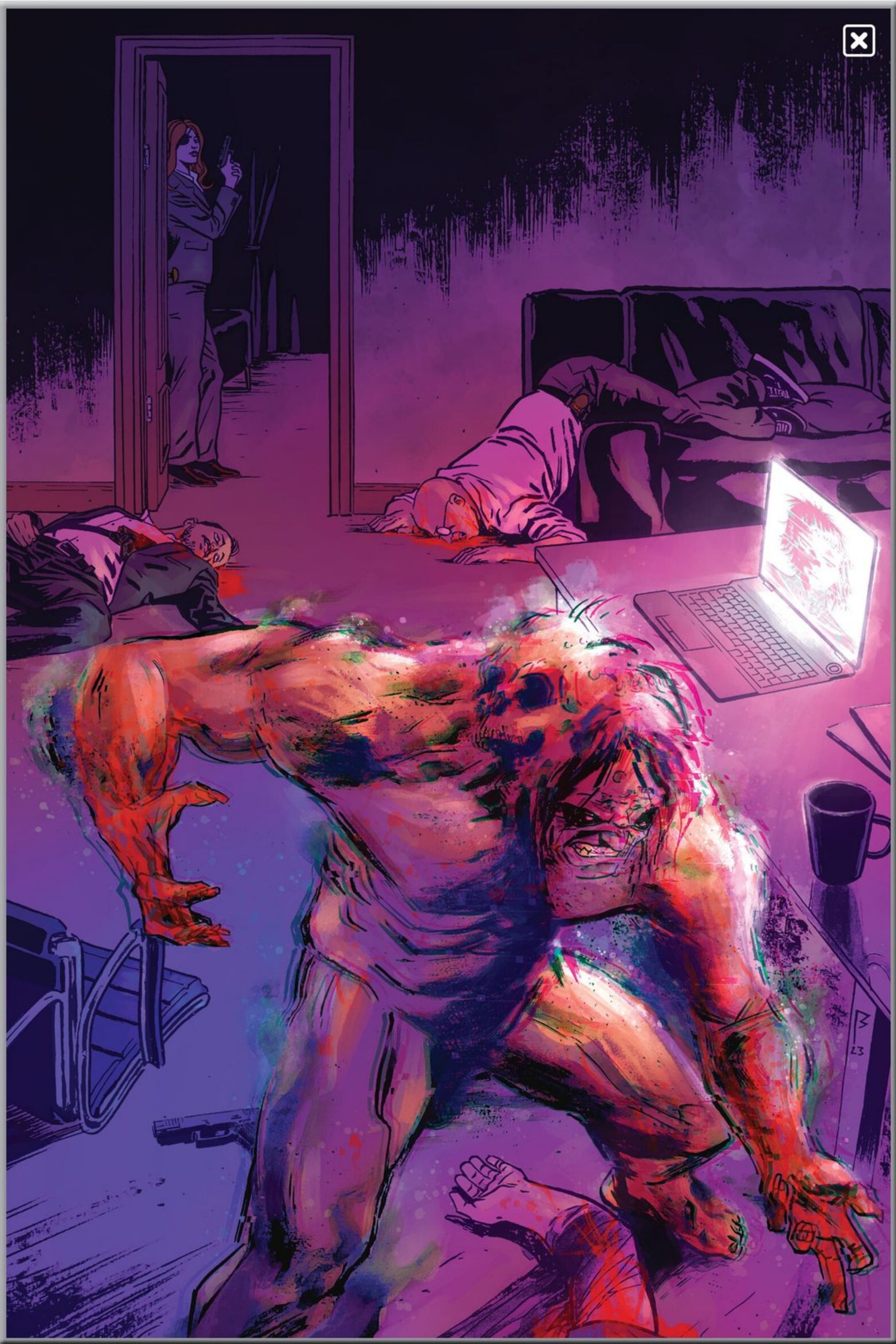


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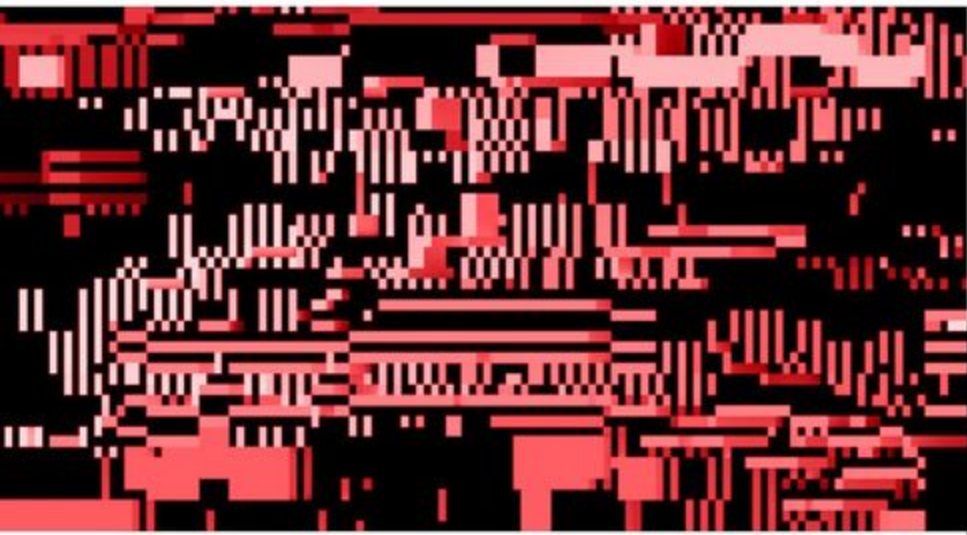
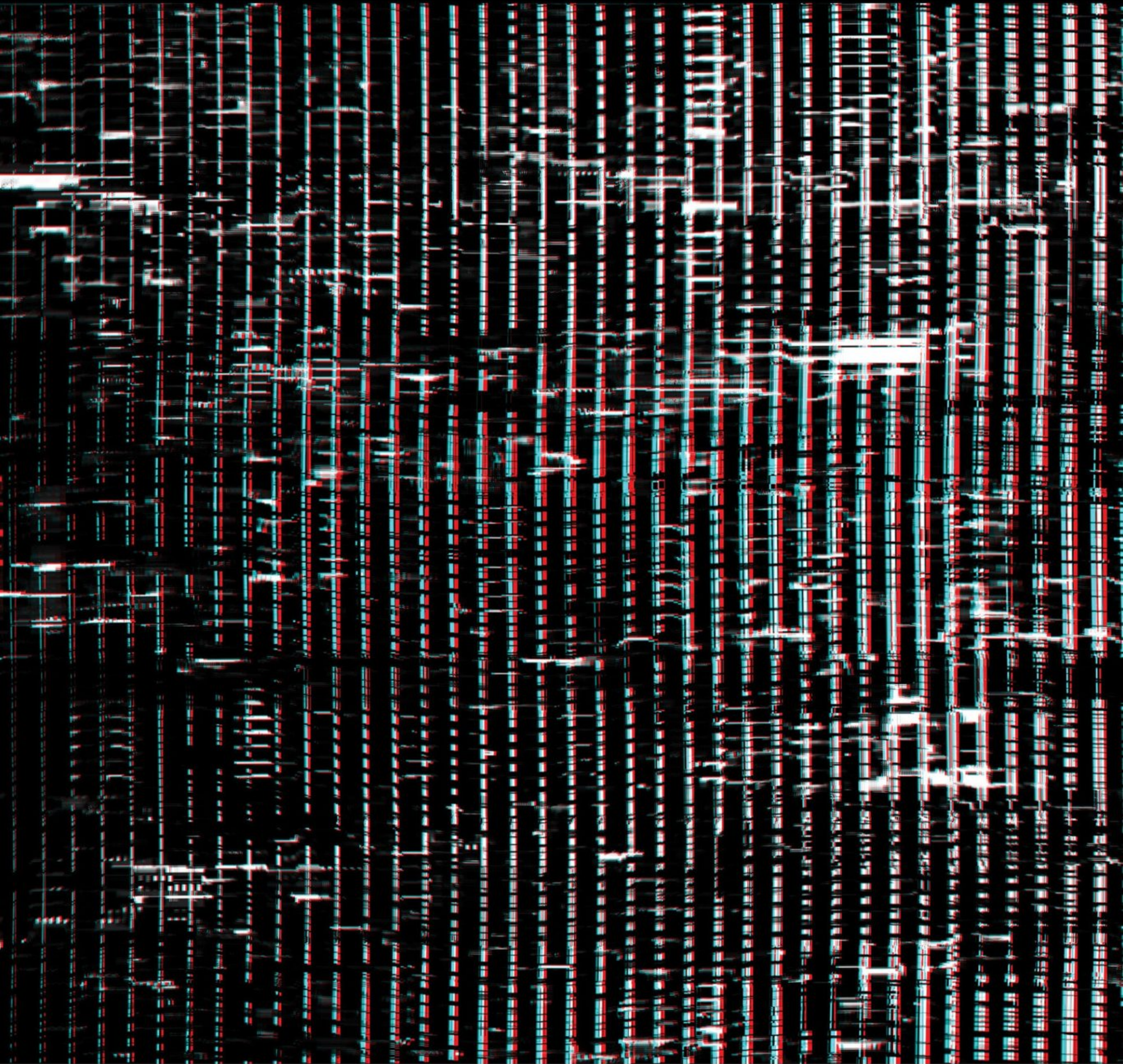
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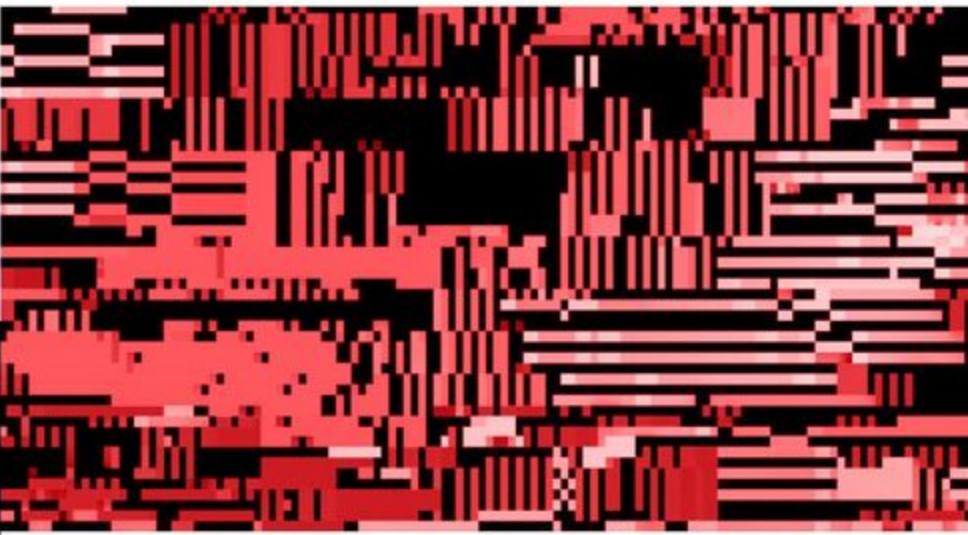


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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

